

# THE VAN WAGONER STORE

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Some of the specials that were available on December 15, 1899, were:

Men's Overalls - 45c

Boy's Overalls - 40c

Coal Oil, Per Gal. - 25c

Sugar, 4 Lb. - 25c

Peanuts - 10c

Candy, 3 lb. - 25c

Corn - 10c

Tomatoes - 10c



*The Hitching Post at Van Wagoner's Store*

*Van Wagoner Bros. Store -> Coleman's  
10 West Main St. Midway*



*Inside the Van Wagoner's Store*

*Registered Bd.  
Army Boys  
Price*



*The Coleman's Store*

*← Clara  
Huber*



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*Inside the Van Wagoner's Store*

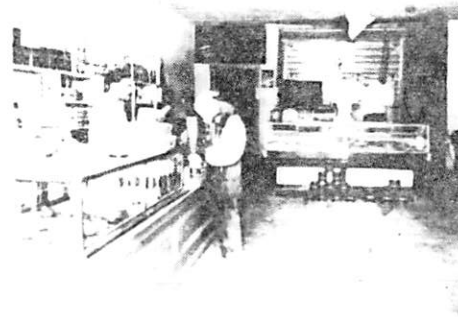
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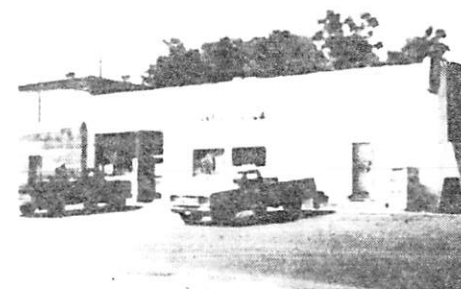
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